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Toho-Tolani County Improvement District Officials Move Forward After Contractor Is Found In Default

Flagstaff, Az. – On June 9, the Board of Directors of the Toho-Tolani County Road Improvement District, located in Kachina Village, received a letter from the project contractor, A Miner Contracting, Inc., terminating its contract with the District. As a result, the Board conducted a hearing on June 21 to determine if the contractor was in default. Per State statute, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors also serves as the Board of Directors for the District.

It was determined at the hearing that A Miner Contracting, Inc. was in default for not diligently pursuing the project and, as a result, cannot complete the project by the agreed upon deadline of July 1, 2005. The Board then instructed its legal representative to make a demand on the performance bonding company to fulfill the contractor's obligation or pay the District to complete the work, which is approximately 60% complete.

District officials fully intend to complete the project this year and have asked the performance bonding company to expedite their decision process, which allows a 60 day period to decide which option they choose. The Board of Directors is simultaneously pursuing arrangements to secure another contractor to complete the work if the performance bonding company chooses not to complete it. Two highly qualified firms have expressed interest in the project and are capable of completing it this year.

District engineers are currently working with District residents on outstanding driveway and drainage issues related to the project. Residents who have unresolved construction issues involving driveways are asked to call Special Districts Coordinator Lucinda Andreani at (928) 779-6576.